

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, February 25, 2005
Twenty-fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Thomas of the 54th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Rivers, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 259. By Representative Barnard of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Evans County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 281. By Representatives Smith of the 129th, Loudermilk of the 14th, Graves of the 12th, Floyd of the 147th and Mosley of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, so as to provide for additional powers to enter upon certain lands; to provide for procedures and conditions; to provide for a sales and use tax exemption with respect to property purchased by or used by the authority; to provide that no provision of Chapter 7 of Title 46 shall apply to any bus, other motor vehicle, or rapid rail system of the authority which provides transit services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 380. By Representative Lane of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of chief magistrate of McIntosh County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 396. By Representatives Manning of the 32nd, Setzler of the 35th, Tumlin of the 38th, Cooper of the 41st, Jones of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4749), so as to change the compensation of the clerk and the chief deputy clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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HB 416. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Coleman of the 144th and Parrish of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for applicability; to provide definitions; to provide that physical impairment shall be an essential element of an asbestos claim or a silica claim; to provide for a limitations period for filing a claim; to provide for dismissal of pending claims under certain conditions; to provide for general rules applicable to new filings; to provide for forum non conveniens; to provide for venue; to provide for joinder and consolidation of claims; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 454. By Representatives Parsons of the 42nd, Tumlin of the 38th, Dollar of the 45th, Johnson of the 37th, Teilhet of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3712), so as to change the compensation of the chief deputy sheriff, the chief investigator, and the executive assistant to the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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- HB 466. By Representative Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act abolishing the office of county treasurer of Stewart County, providing for the appointment of depositories for funds, and creating the office of disbursing clerk, approved August 20, 1927 (Ga. L. 1927, p. 666), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to appointment and bond of the disbursing clerk; to change certain provisions relating to duties of the disbursing clerk; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 502. By Representative Cheokas of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Marion County, approved April 8, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3794), as amended, so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the members of the board; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 507. By Representative Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Atkinson County, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p.

4771), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the members of the board of education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 511. By Representative Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Bronwood; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies, compensation, qualifications, and prohibitions, and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for organization and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for the office of mayor and certain duties and powers relative to the office of mayor; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide for a mayor pro tempore; to provide for departments, boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 512. By Representatives Hanner of the 148th and Rynders of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Lee County Utilities Authority, approved April 17, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6419), as amended, so as to change the composition of such authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 526. By Representatives Bryant of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Carter of the 159th, Jackson of the 161st, Day of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority, approved April 21, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4499), as amended by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3791), so as to change the provisions relating to the membership of such authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 532. By Representative Black of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Brooks County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 132. By Senator Williams of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Wayne County, approved January 28, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3512), as amended, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of members of that board; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the House:

HR 48. By Representatives Dodson of the 75th, Barnes of the 78th, Buckner of the 76th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Honorable Martha K. Glaze and designating the Clayton Regional Youth Detention Center as the Martha K. Glaze Regional Youth Detention Center; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 269. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Smith of the 52nd and Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-64.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to application and issuance of order authorizing installation and use of pen register or trap and trace device, so as to provide that the district attorney having jurisdiction over the prosecution of the crime under investigation may apply for or extend an order authorizing the installation and use of a pen register or trap and trace device; to provide that any superior court judge may authorize such use; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 270. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and Kemp of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the general contracting powers of the Department of Transportation, so as to permit the acceptance of solicited as well as unsolicited proposals for public-private initiatives; to allow for the disclosure of nonproprietary matters from the unsolicited and solicited

proposals in order to encourage competition; to provide for a payment and performance bond sufficient to protect the interest of the public; to extend the time for submission of competing proposals; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Highway Authority generally, to provide for additional definitions and powers of the authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

SB 271. By Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Grant of the 25th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Schaefer of the 50th and Thomas of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure of public records is not required and disclosure of exempting authority, so as to exempt certain records or information contained in records from the requirements of public disclosure; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 272. By Senators Moody of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th, Miles of the 43rd, Hill of the 4th and Seabaugh of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific programs in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that the State Board of Education shall develop a school interscholastic extracurricular athletic policy that provides for the use of a single, comprehensive, preparticipation physical examination form; to provide for physical examinations in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

SB 273. By Senators Goggans of the 7th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Williams of the 19th, Staton of the 18th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and

renewal of driver's licenses, so as to change the definition of a Class C license for commercial and noncommercial driver's licenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

SB 274. By Senator Seabaugh of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act," so as to add provisions relating to sewer laterals, to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SB 275. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Zamarripa of the 36th and Pearson of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for the incorporation of townships; to change certain provisions regarding incorporation of municipalities; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for applicability of certain definitions regarding municipal corporations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SR 294. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Hill of the 32nd, Heath of the 31st, Hudgens of the 47th, Kemp of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SR 295. By Senator Zamarripa of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the division of Fulton County into two new counties to be known as Milton County and Atlanta County; to provide that such counties shall each be governed by a consolidated governing authority; to provide that the General

Assembly shall provide by law for all matters relating to this amendment; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SR 297. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Wiles of the 37th, Hudgens of the 47th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to establish a domestic energy policy that will ensure an adequate supply of energy and the appropriate infrastructure; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SR 298. By Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Balfour of the 9th and Johnson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint House and Senate Emerging Communications Technologies Study Committee; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Honorable Martha K. Glaze and designating the Clayton Regional Youth Detention Center as the Martha K. Glaze Regional Youth Detention Center; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State Institutions and Property Committee.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 230 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Bulloch of the 11th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Education and Youth Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 1 Do Pass
SB 74 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Moody of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Finance Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 227 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Cagle of the 49th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 188 Do Pass
SB 136 Do Pass
SB 139 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Smith of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Retirement Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 319 Do Pass
SB 161 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Heath of the 31st District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The State and Local Governmental Operations Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 155 Do Pass
SB 84 Do Pass by substitute
SR 213 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Wiles of the 37th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 178	SB 32	SB 126	SB 166	SB 195	SR 86
HB 273	SB 44	SB 127	SB 167	SB 205	SR 156
HR 14	SB 57	SB 134	SB 175	SB 224	SR 161
HR 66	SB 106	SB 158	SB 190	SR 41	SR 163
SB 31	SB 122				

Senator Seabaugh of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Unterman of the 45th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Unterman was excused.

Senator Whitehead of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Douglas of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Douglas was excused.

Senator Chance of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Carter of the 13th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Carter was excused.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Zamarripa of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Zamarripa was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Hill,Jack	Seay
Balfour	Hill,Judson	Shafer,D
Brown	Hooks	Smith
Bulloch	Hudgens	Starr
Butler	Johnson	Staton
Cagle	Jones	Stephens
Chance	Kemp	Stoner
Chapman	Me V Bremen	Thomas,D
Fort	Miles	Thomas,R
Goggans	Moody	Thompson,C
Golden	Mullis	Tolleson
Grant	Pearson	Weber
Harbison	Powell	Whitehead
Harp	Rogers	Wiles
Heath	Seabaugh	Williams
Henson		

Not answering were Senators:

Carter (Excused)	Douglas (Excused)	Hamrick
Reed	Schaefer	Tate
Thompson, S	Unterman (Excused)	Walker
Zamarripa (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators:	Reed	Schaefer	Tate
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The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Starr of the 44th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Chad Ellis of Forest Park, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 288. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. John O'Brien, Coffee High School Director of Bands, on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 289. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring former band director, Mr. John Maley; and for other purposes.

SR 290. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION commending Coach Bonwell Royal, Head Coach of the Coffee High School football team, on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 291. By Senators Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 2004 University of Georgia baseball team; and for other purposes.

SR 292. By Senators Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Coach David Perno of the University of Georgia baseball team; and for other purposes.

SR 293. By Senator Grant of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Mrs. Sybil Fowler on the occasion of her birthday; and for other purposes.

SR 296. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 2nd, Pearson of the 51st, Shafer of the 48th and Kemp of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the month of May, 2005, as "Motorcycle Awareness and You Month" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 299. By Senators Miles of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Brown of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tavis Smiley; and for other purposes.

SR 300. By Senator Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending District Attorney Investigator Jimmy Jones

upon being chosen Peace Officer of the Year for Valor; and for other purposes.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2005
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HR 47 Coverdell, Paul D.; rename Legislative Office Building in his honor
(RULES-9th) Keen-179th
- SB 140 Patient's Right to Independent Review Act; revise; add definitions;
references (H&HS-19th)
- SB 111 Nuisances; companion animal establishment; immunity from
civil/criminal action (Substitute)(AG&CA-7th)
- SB 199 Pharmacy, State Board; prescription drugs by mail; delete certain
provisions (H&HS-9th)
- SB 196 Public Health; offenses; smoking on a bus while transporting children
(ED&Y-13th)
- SR 166 Apportionment of Congressional Districts; expressing the sense of the
Senate with respect to general bills (R&R-21st)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Balfour of the 9th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- HR 47. By Representatives Keen of the 179th, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Royal of the 171st, Channell of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION paying tribute to the memory of a great Georgian, the late Paul D. Coverdell, and naming the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building in his honor; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Balfour of the 9th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
N Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	N Tate
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Thomas,D
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,R
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thompson,C
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,S
N Fort	Y Mullis	Y Tolleson
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	E Unterman
Y Golden	Y Powell	Walker
Y Grant	Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Seay	E Zamarripa
Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 47, nays 3.

HR 47, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Wiles of the 37th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. C. Dirk Williams.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 140. By Senators Williams of the 19th and Cagle of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the patient's right to independent review, so as to revise and add definitions; to change references to conform to revised and new terms; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally, so as to strike Code Section 49-4-156, which is reserved, and inserting a new Code Section 49-4-156 to provide that certain requirements shall not apply to health maintenance organizations which contract with the department of community health; to amend Article 13 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to PeachCare for Kids, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for a reduction in the maximum income limit in the discretion of the board of community health; to change certain

provisions relating to services, copayments, enrollment, and contracting of services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Williams of the 19th asked unanimous consent to drop SB 140 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Tate of the 38th objected.

Senator Tate of the 38th withdrew her objection.

The consent was granted and SB 140 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

SB 111. By Senators Goggans of the 7th, Chapman of the 3rd, Bulloch of the 11th, Pearson of the 51st and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to nuisances, so as to preclude any companion animal establishment from being or becoming a nuisance solely as a result of changed conditions in or around the locality of the establishment; to provide for immunity from civil or criminal actions relating to noise from a companion animal establishment under certain conditions; to exempt certain conduct from changes in certain ordinances, rules, or regulations; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee offered the following substitute to SB 111:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to nuisances, so as to preclude any companion animal establishment from being or becoming a nuisance solely as a result of changed conditions in or around the locality of the establishment; to provide for immunity from civil or criminal actions relating to noise from a companion animal establishment under certain conditions; to exempt certain conduct from changes in certain ordinances, rules, or regulations; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to nuisances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"41-1-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Changed conditions' means any one or more of the following:

(A) Any change in the use of land in the area of a companion animal establishment;

(B) An increase in the magnitude of an existing use of land in or around the locality of a companion animal establishment and includes, but is not limited to, urban sprawl into an area in or around the locality of a companion animal establishment, or an increase in the number of persons making any such use or an increase in the frequency of such use; or

(C) The construction or location of improvements on land in or around the locality of a companion animal establishment closer to a companion animal establishment than those improvements located on such land at the time of commencement of the operation of the companion animal establishment at issue.

(2) 'Companion animal' means any animal that is commonly kept by persons as a pet or for companionship and has been domesticated so as to live and breed in a tame condition. Such term includes but is not limited to any of the following animals if domesticated: dogs, cats, ferrets, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, equines, and rabbits.

(3) 'Companion animal establishment' means any facility in operation for at least one year used to house companion animals; provided, however, that such term shall not include any facility that is required to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture but which is not so licensed.

(4) 'Unit of government' means any county, municipality, or other political subdivision or any department, agency, or authority thereof.

(b) No companion animal establishment shall be or shall become a nuisance, either public or private, solely as a result of changed conditions in or around the locality of such companion animal establishment since the date on which it commenced operation. Subsequent physical expansion, increased capacity, or expansion of scope to serve additional species of animals of the companion animal establishment shall not establish a new date of commencement of operations for purposes of this Code section.

(c) No companion animal establishment or unit of government or person owning, operating, or using a companion animal establishment shall be subject to any action for civil or criminal liability, damages, abatement, or injunctive relief resulting from or relating to noise generated by the operation of the companion animal establishment if the companion animal establishment remains in compliance with noise control or nuisance abatement rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances applicable to the companion animal establishment on the date on which it commenced operation.

(d) No rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances relating to noise control, noise pollution, or noise abatement adopted or enacted by a unit of government shall be applied retroactively to prohibit conduct at a companion animal establishment, which

conduct was lawful and being engaged in prior to the adoption or enactment of such rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall affect enforcement of any provision of Title 4 or Code Section 16-12-4."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

On the adoption of the substitute, the yeas were 39, nays 0, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
N Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Thomas,D
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,R
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thompson,C
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,S
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Tolleson
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	E Unterman
Y Golden	Y Powell	Walker
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 111, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 199. By Senators Balfour of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Hudgens of the 47th, Adelman of the 42nd and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to grant licenses by the State Board of Pharmacy, so as to delete certain provisions relating to selling, distributing, and delivering prescription drugs by mail or other common carriers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	N Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	N Starr
Y Brown	N Hooks	Y Staton
N Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
N Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tate
N Carter	N Kemp	Thomas,D
Y Chance	N Me V Bremen	N Thomas,R
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thompson,C
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,S
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Tolleson
N Goggans	Y Pearson	E Unterman
N Golden	Y Powell	Walker
N Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
N Hamrick	Y Rogers	N Whitehead
N Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
N Harp	Y Seabaugh	N Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	N Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 33, nays 18.

SB 199, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Rogers of the 21st asked unanimous consent that Senator Tolleson of the 20th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tolleson was excused.

Senator Staton of the 18th asked unanimous consent that Senator Douglas of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Douglas was excused.

SB 196. By Senators Carter of the 13th, Butler of the 55th, Moody of the 56th, Thomas of the 54th and Douglas of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the crime of smoking on a school bus or other vehicle transporting children to and from schools or early care and education programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Carter of the 13th offered the following amendment:

Amend SB 196 (LC 33 0551) by adding to the end of line 17 of page 1 the following:

"This shall not apply to personal vehicles of teachers or staff of a public or private school or early care and education program."

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 33, nays 2, and the Carter amendment was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tate
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Thomas,D
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,R
N Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thompson,C
E Douglas	Y Moody	Y Thompson,S
Y Fort	Y Mullis	E Tolleson
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	E Unterman
Y Golden	Y Powell	Walker
Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles

Y Harp
Y Heath
Y Henson

Y Seabaugh
Y Seay
Y Shafer,D

Y Williams
E Zamarripa

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

SB 196, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SR 166. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Johnson of the 1st, Stephens of the 27th, Seabaugh of the 28th and Chance of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to general bills; and for other purposes.

Senators Stoner of the 6th, Adelman of the 42nd, Golden of the 8th and Brown of the 26th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SR 166 by striking "and" at the end of line 15 of page 1.

By striking the period at the end of line 18 of page 1 and inserting in its place "; and".

By inserting between lines 18 and 19 of page 1 the following:

"(7) An independent commission shall be established prior to the next apportionment of congressional districts. Such commission shall consist of four members, with the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the Senate each appointing one commission member. No person shall be eligible to serve as a commission member who is currently holding any elective office. All commission members must be retired judges. Any congressional reapportionment plan shall be approved by three-fourths of the members appointed to the commission in a roll-call vote."

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman
N Balfour
Y Brown
N Bulloch
Y Butler
N Cagle
N Carter
N Chance

N Hill,Jack
N Hill,Judson
Y Hooks
N Hudgens
N Johnson
Y Jones
N Kemp
Y Me V Bremen

N Smith
Y Starr
N Staton
N Stephens
Y Stoner
Y Tate
N Thomas,D
Y Thomas,R

N Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thompson,C
N Douglas	N Moody	Y Thompson,S
Y Fort	N Mullis	E Tolleson
N Goggans	N Pearson	E Unterman
Y Golden	Y Powell	Walker
N Grant	Y Reed	N Weber
N Hamrick	N Rogers	N Whitehead
Y Harbison	N Schaefer	N Wiles
N Harp	N Seabaugh	N Williams
N Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	N Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 20, nays 32, and the Stoner et al. amendment #1 was lost.

Senators Stoner of the 6th, Adelman of the 42nd, Golden of the 8th and Brown of the 26th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend SR 166 by adding immediately following line 29 of page 2 the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Senate that no general bill providing for the apportionment of representative districts, senatorial districts, or both, shall be enacted prior to 2011 due to the apportionment plans of the Special Master adopted by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in *Larios v. Cox*, 314 F. Supp. 2d 1357 (N. D. Ga. 2004), which plans comply with the criteria set forth in this resolution."

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	N Hill,Jack	N Smith
N Balfour	N Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	Y Hooks	N Staton
N Bulloch	N Hudgens	N Stephens
Y Butler	N Johnson	Y Stoner
N Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tate
N Carter	N Kemp	N Thomas,D
N Chance	Y Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,R
N Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thompson,C
N Douglas	N Moody	Y Thompson,S
Y Fort	N Mullis	E Tolleson
N Goggans	N Pearson	E Unterman
Y Golden	Y Powell	Walker

N Grant	Y Reed	N Weber
N Hamrick	N Rogers	N Whitehead
Y Harbison	N Schaefer	N Wiles
N Harp	N Seabaugh	N Williams
N Heath	Y Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	N Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 20, nays 32, and the Stoner et al. amendment #2 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
N Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
N Butler	Y Johnson	N Stoner
Y Cagle	N Jones	N Tate
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Thomas,D
Y Chance	N Me V Bremen	N Thomas,R
Y Chapman	N Miles	N Thompson,C
Y Douglas	Y Moody	N Thompson,S
N Fort	Y Mullis	E Tolleson
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	E Unterman
N Golden	N Powell	Walker
Y Grant	N Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
N Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	N Seay	E Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 36, nays 16.

SR 166, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Rogers of the 21st recognized the Gilmer County High School Wrestling Team, commended by SR 281, adopted previously.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 140. By Senators Williams of the 19th and Cagle of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the patient's right to independent review, so as to revise and add definitions; to change references to conform to revised and new terms; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally, so as to strike Code Section 49-4-156, which is reserved, and inserting a new Code Section 49-4-156 to provide that certain requirements shall not apply to health maintenance organizations which contract with the department of community health; to amend Article 13 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to PeachCare for Kids, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for a reduction in the maximum income limit in the discretion of the board of community health; to change certain provisions relating to services, copayments, enrollment, and contracting of services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Thomas of the 2nd offered the following amendment #1 to SB 140:

Amend SB 140 (LC 33 0689) by striking the phrase and symbol 'except when authorized by the board.' on lines 22 and 23 of page 11.

Senator Thomas of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that her amendment #1 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Adelman of the 42nd offered the following amendment #2 to SB 140:

Amend SB 140 (LC 33 0689) by striking the phrase and symbol 'The board may establish the maximum income limit in a lesser amount when the department has reason to believe the cost of enrollment or services may exceed the availability of funding.' on lines 30 thru 32 of page 10.

By striking the phrase and symbol 'or the maximum income limit established by the board, whichever is lower,' on line 34 of page 10 and line 1 of page 11.

Senator Adelman of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that his amendment #2 be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Williams of the 19th offered the following amendment #3:

Amend SB 140 by striking lines 9 through 11 of page 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Kids, so as to provide for a definition; to change certain provisions relating to the

creation of PeachCare, availability, eligibility, payment of premiums, and enrollment; to provide for related".

By inserting after "striking" on line 25 of page 10 "subsections (g) through (o) of".

By striking line 28 of page 10 through line 30 of page 11.

By inserting quotation marks at the beginning of line 31 of page 11.

By striking lines 33 through 35 of page 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

~~"(n) There shall be created a separate budget unit 'C' and a separate appropriation in the department for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article.~~
(e) The Department of Education and local boards of education shall cooperate with and".

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 44, nays 0, and the Williams amendment #3 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
Y Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
N Brown	Y Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
N Butler	Y Johnson	N Stoner
Y Cagle	N Jones	N Tate
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Thomas,D
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	N Thomas,R
Y Chapman	N Miles	N Thompson,C
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Thompson,S
N Fort	Y Mullis	E Tolleson
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	E Unterman
N Golden	N Powell	Walker
Y Grant	N Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
N Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	N Seay	E Zamarripa
N Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 16.

SB 140, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Stephens of the 27th moved that the Senate stand in recess until 5:00 p.m. today, and asked unanimous consent that Senate Rule 3-1.2(a) be suspended and the Order of Business changed to allow for the introduction, first reading and assignment of a bill to the Senate Retirement Committee then adjourn until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, pursuant to HR 198.

At 12:07 p.m., the President announced that the motion prevailed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 280. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investment requirements for large retirement systems, so as to provide that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and any public retirement system administered by such retirement system may invest a certain percentage of their portfolios in certain types of investments; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Retirement Committee.

The Senate adjourned at 5:00 p.m.